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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION WITH DAS SALLY SHELTON  
AND SERGIO GONZALEZ GALVEZ

1. ON JULY 3 DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SALLY SHELTON  
SPOKE WITH DIRECTOR AND CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY. AMONG TOPICS DISCUSSED WAS  
THE MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT  
INITIATIVE.

2. SHELTON QUERIED GONZALEZ GALVEZ AS TO THE STATUS OF THE  
INITIATIVE AND THE ANTICIPATED NEXT STEP. GONZALEZ GALVEZ  
REPLIED THAT HE HAD SOUGHT THE VIEWS OF A NUMBER OF  
DELEGATIONS AT THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE MODIFIED  
MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, DELEGATIONS HAD BEEN  
UNABLE TO TAKE A POSITION ON THE RESOLUTION SINCE THEY FELT  
THE NEED TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE  
GOVERNMENTS.

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3- GONZALEZ GALVEZ INDICATED THAT, UPON HIS RETURN TO  
MEXICO FROM OASGA, HE CONTACTED GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING  
CUBA, AGAIN TO PRESS MEXICAN-VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE AND TO  
PROPOSE A CONFERENCE QTE AT SIMILAR APPROPRIATE POLITICAL  
LEVEL UNQTE TO BE HELD IN MEXICO BEFORE THE END OF AUGUST.

HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE QTE APPROPRIATE POLITICAL LEVEL UNQTE WAS INTENDED TO EXCLUDE MILIARY PARTICIPANTS. THE CONFERENCE WOULD EXPLORE BOTH THE TACTICS OF PURSUING THE INITIATIVE AS WELL AS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL.

4. AS OF JULY 3 THE ONLY GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAD RESPONDED WERE JAMAICA (AFFIRMATIVELY) AND BRAZIL AND URUGUAY (NEGATIVELY). APPARENTLY THE LATTER FELT PARTICIPATION IN SUCH AN INITIATIVE WOULD BE AN INFRINGEMENT OF THEIR SOVEREIGNTY. GONZALEZ GALVEZ BELIEVES THE BRAZILIANS MAY BE INITIATING A MINI-CAMPAIGN AMONG SOUTHERN CONE NEIGHBORS -- IN VIEW OF NEAR-IDENTITY OF VIEWS EXPRESSED BY BRAZIL AND URUGUAY. GONZALEZ GALVEZ WAS TO HAVE MEETING WITH BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR MORNING OF JULY 4 FOR A QTE HEART-TO-HEART UNQTE WITH HIM.

5. GONZALEZ GALVEZ ASKED FOR USG HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (A) STATISTICS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS OVER AN APPROPRIATE PERIOD, FOR EXAMPLE, THE LAST TEN YEARS; (B) USG RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPROPRIATE QTE POLITICAL-MILITARY CRITERIA UNQTE FOR ALLOWABLE AND DISALLOWABLE ARMS TRANSFERS; AND (C) U.S. FINANCING FOR THE SEMINAR/CONFERENCE. SHELTON RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD SEEK TO PROVIDE THE MATERIAL REQUESTED IN (A) AND (B) ABOVE BUT IN REGARD TO (C) THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE USG BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE FUNDING WERE REMOTE. GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID HE WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT SURPRISED BUT WISHED TO ASK ANYWAY.

6. WHEN PRESSED AS TO NATURE OF VENEZUELA'S ROLE IN THIS JOINT EFFORT, GONZALEZ GALVEZ REPLIED VAGUELY THAT QTE WE ARE CONSULTING UNQTE.

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